

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A holder that can hold CD cases and cases for other items and
usable to create a continuous loop formed by interlocking adjacent
5 such holders, the holder comprising:
a base having a holder engaging mechanism extending therefrom
and said holder engaging mechanism adapted to engage an adjacent
holder in order to form the continuous loop;
said holder including first and second outer sidewalls and a partition
10 sidewall located between the first and second outer sidewalls, with said first
outer sidewall and said partition sidewall with said base defining a first
space adapted to receive a first case, and with said second outer sidewall
and said partition sidewall with said base defining a second space adapted
to receive a second case; and
15 wherein said holder includes at least a first member which is
adapted to frictionally retain a first case in said first space, and at least a
second member which is adapted to frictionally retain a second case in
said second space.
- 20 2. The holder of claim 1 further including:
said first member is a first projection which extends from said base
in said first space; and
said second member is a second projection which extends from said

base in said second space.

3. The holder of claim 1 further including:

said first member is a pair of projections which extend from said

5 base in said first space; and

said second member is a pair of projections which extend from said
base in said second space.

4. The holder of claim 1 wherein said holder engaging mechanism
10 includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is
adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a
15 second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said
holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on
a third holder to form a continuous loop.

5. The holder of claim 1 wherein said holder engaging mechanism
20 includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism, which is a male mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism, which is a female
mechanism.

6. The holder of claim 1 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

5 wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to nest in a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to have a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder nest in the second holder-engaging mechanism said holder to form a
10 continuous loop.

7. The holder of claim 1 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent
15 thereto;

a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped in order to be received in said slot; and

wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a
20 second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop; and

wherein the distal end of the second holder-engaging mechanism

of the second said holder can pass through said slot located adjacent to the first holder-engaging mechanism of said holder to which the second holder-engaging mechanism is inserted to allow the second said holder to spread apart from said holder.

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8. A rack that is adapted to retain and rotate a plurality of side-by-side CD cases and cases for other objects, the rack comprising:

a continuous loop formed from a plurality of interlocked holders;

said holders each including first and second outer sidewalls and a

10 partition sidewall located between the first and second outer sidewalls, with said first outer sidewall and said partition sidewall with said base defining a first space adapted to receive a first case, and with said second outer sidewall and said partition sidewall with said base defining a second space adapted to receive a second case; and

15 wherein each said holder includes at least a first member which is adapted to frictionally retain a first case in said first space, and at least a second member which is adapted to frictionally retain a second case in said second space;

20 wherein a holder-engaging mechanism of a first holder nests in a holder-engaging mechanism of an adjacent holder;

a motor that can rotate said loop;

a sprocket that is driven by said motor;

said sprocket including a plurality of teeth with spaces located

between said teeth; and

wherein said holder engaging mechanism of said first holder nested
in a holder engaging mechanism of an adjacent holder can be positioned
in a space between said teeth as the holders engage the sprocket in order
5 to spread the holders apart.

9. The holder of claim 8 further including:

said first member is a first projection which extends from said base
in said first space; and

10 said second member is a second projection which extends from said
base in said second space.

10. The holder of claim 8 further including:

said first member is a pair of projections which extend from said
15 base in said first space; and

said second member is a pair of projections which extend from said
base in said second space.

11. The holder of claim 8 wherein said holder engaging mechanism
20 includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is

adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop.

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12. The holder of claim 8 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism, which is a male mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism, which is a female

10 mechanism.

13. The holder of claim 8 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;

15 a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to nest in a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to have a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder nest
20 in the second holder-engaging mechanism said holder to form a continuous loop.

14. The holder of claim 8 wherein said holder engaging mechanism

includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto;

5 a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped in order to be received in said slot; and

wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on
10 a third holder to form a continuous loop; and

wherein the distal end of the second holder-engaging mechanism of the second said holder can pass through said slot located adjacent to the first holder-engaging mechanism of said holder to which the second holder-engaging mechanism is inserted to allow the second said holder to
15 spread apart from said holder.

15. A rack that is adapted to retain and rotate a plurality of side-by-side CD cases and cases for other objects, the rack comprising:

a continuous loop formed from a plurality of interlocked holders;

20 said holders each including first and second outer sidewalls and a partition sidewall located between the first and second outer sidewalls, with said first outer sidewall and said partition sidewall with said base defining a first space adapted to receive a first case, and with said second outer

sidewall and said partition sidewall with said base defining a second space adapted to receive a second case; and

wherein each said holder includes at least a first member which is adapted to frictionally retain a first case in said first space, and at least a
5 second member which is adapted to frictionally retain a second case in said second space, and

wherein a holder-engaging mechanism of a first holder nests in a holder-engaging mechanism of an adjacent holder.

10 16. The holder of claim 15 further including:

said first member is a first projection which extends from said base in said first space; and

said second member is a second projection which extends from said base in said second space.

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17. The holder of claim 15 further including:

said first member is a pair of projections which extend from said base in said first space; and

said second member is a pair of projections which extend from said
20 base in said second space.

18. The holder of claim 15 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop.

19. The holder of claim 15 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism, which is a male mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism, which is a female mechanism.

20. The holder of claim 15 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to nest in a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to have a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder nest in the second holder-engaging mechanism said holder to form a

continuous loop.

21. The holder of claim 15 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

5 a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto;

a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped in order to be received in said slot; and

10 wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop; and

15 wherein the distal end of the second holder-engaging mechanism of the second said holder can pass through said slot located adjacent to the first holder-engaging mechanism of said holder to which the second holder-engaging mechanism is inserted to allow the second said holder to spread apart from said holder.

20 22. A holder usable to create a continuous loop formed by interlocking adjacent such holders, the holder comprising:

a base having a holder-engaging mechanism to interlock adjacent

holders;

a first structure extending from the base, the first structure adapted to frictionally engage at least a portion of a first object to be retained by the holder;

5 a second structure extending from the base, the second structure adapted to frictionally engage at least a portion of a second object to be retained by the holder; and

wherein the first structure and the second structure are in the same plane.

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23. The holder of claim 22 further including:

a partition;

said first structure includes a first projection which together with the partition and the base defines a first space; and

15 said second structure includes a second projection together with the partition and the base defines a second space.

24. The holder of claim 22 further including:

said first structure is a pair of projections which extend from said

20 base to define a first space; and

said second structure is a pair of projections which extend from said base to define a second space.

25. The holder of claim 22 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

5 wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop.

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26. The holder of claim 22 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism, which is a male mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism, which is a female

15 mechanism.

27. The holder of claim 22 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;

20 a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to nest in a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is

adapted to have a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder nest in the second holder-engaging mechanism said holder to form a continuous loop.

5 28. The holder of claim 22 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

 a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto;

 a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which
10 distal end is shaped in order to be received in said slot; and

 wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on
15 a third holder to form a continuous loop; and

 wherein the distal end of the second holder-engaging mechanism of the second said holder can pass through said slot located adjacent to the first holder-engaging mechanism of said holder to which the second holder-engaging mechanism is inserted to allow the second said holder to
20 spread apart from said holder.

29. A holder usable to create a continuous loop formed by interlocking adjacent such holders, the holder comprising:

a base having a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto and a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped and adapted in order to be received in a slot of a second holder;

5 a first structure extending from the base, the first structure adapted to frictionally engage at least a portion of a first object to be retained by the holder; and

 a second structure extending from the base, the second structure adapted to frictionally engage at least a portion of a second object to be
10 retained by the holder.

30. The holder of claim 29 wherein:
 said first structure together with the base defines a first space; and
 said second structure together with the base defines a second
15 space.

31. The holder of claim 29 further including:
 said first structure includes a pair of projections which extend from
 said base to define a first space; and
20 said second structure includes a pair of projections which extend
 from said base to define a second space.

32. The holder of claim 29 wherein said holder engaging mechanism

includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

5 wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop.

10 33. The holder of claim 29 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism, which is a male mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism, which is a female mechanism.

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34. The holder of claim 29 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

20 wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to nest in a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to have a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder nest

in the second holder-engaging mechanism said holder to form a continuous loop.

35. The holder of claim 29 wherein said holder engaging mechanism
5 includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto;

a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped in order to be received in said slot; and

10 wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop; and

15 wherein the distal end of the second holder-engaging mechanism of the second said holder can pass through said slot located adjacent to the first holder-engaging mechanism of said holder to which the second holder-engaging mechanism is inserted to allow the second said holder to spread apart from said holder.

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36. A holder usable to create a continuous loop formed by interlocking adjacent such holders, the holder comprising:

a base having an interior surface, the interior surface having a first

holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto and a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped and adapted in order to be received in a slot of a second holder;

5 a first structure disposed on the exterior surface of the base, the first structure to frictionally engage at least a portion of a first object to be retained by the holder; and

a second structure disposed on the exterior surface of the base, the second structure to frictionally engage at least a portion of a second object to be retained by the holder.

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37. The holder of claim 36 wherein:

said first structure together with the base defines a first space; and

said second structure together with the base defines a second space.

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38. The holder of claim 36 further including:

said first structure is a pair of projections which extend from said base to define a first space; and

20 said second structure is a pair of projections which extend from said base to define a second space.

39. The holder of claim 36 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop.

40. The holder of claim 36 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism, which is a male mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism, which is a female mechanism.

41. The holder of claim 36 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to nest in a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to have a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder nest in the second holder-engaging mechanism said holder to form a

continuous loop.

42. The holder of claim 36 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

5 a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto;

a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped in order to be received in said slot; and

10 wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop; and

15 wherein the distal end of the second holder-engaging mechanism of the second said holder can pass through said slot located adjacent to the first holder-engaging mechanism of said holder to which the second holder-engaging mechanism is inserted to allow the second said holder to spread apart from said holder.

20 43. A holder usable to create a continuous loop formed by interlocking adjacent such holders, the holder comprising:

a base having an interior surface having a holder-engaging mechanism to interlock adjacent holders;

a first structure extending from an exterior surface of the base, the first structure adapted to frictionally engage at least a portion of a first object to be retained by the holder; and

5 a second structure extending from the exterior surface of the base, the second structure adapted to frictionally engage at least a portion of a second object to be retained by the holder.

44. The holder of claim 43 further including::

a partition;

10 said first structure includes a first projection which together with the base and the partition defines a first space; and

said second structure includes a second projection which together with the base and the partition defines a second space.

15 45. The holder of claim 43 further including:

said first structure is a pair of projections which extend from said base to define a first space; and

said second structure is a pair of projections which extend from said base to define a second space.

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46. The holder of claim 43 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;

a second holder-engaging mechanism; and

wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop.

47. The holder of claim 43 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism, which is a male mechanism;
a second holder-engaging mechanism, which is a female mechanism.

48. The holder of claim 43 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism;
a second holder-engaging mechanism; and
wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to nest in a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to have a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder nest in the second holder-engaging mechanism said holder to form a continuous loop.

49. The holder of claim 43 wherein said holder engaging mechanism includes:

a first holder-engaging mechanism with a slot located adjacent thereto;

5 a second holder-engaging mechanism having a distal end, which distal end is shaped in order to be received in said slot; and

wherein said first holder-engaging mechanism on said holder is adapted to interlock with a second holder-engaging mechanism of a second said holder, and said second holder-engaging mechanism on said
10 holder is adapted to interlock with a first holder-engaging mechanism on a third holder to form a continuous loop; and

wherein the distal end of the second holder-engaging mechanism of the second said holder can pass through said slot located adjacent to the first holder-engaging mechanism of said holder to which the second
15 holder-engaging mechanism is inserted to allow the second said holder to spread apart from said holder.